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Governor Baker Nominates Jeffrey T. Karp to the Massachusetts Superior Court

BOSTON – Governor Charlie Baker has nominated Jeffrey T. Karp as Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Karp has 23 years of experience and concentrates his practice in criminal defense, domestic relations and commercial litigation.

Attorney Karp has been nominated to the seat vacated by The Honorable Richard E. Welch, III. Justice Welch was appointed to the Superior Court by Governor William Weld in 1994.

"If confirmed, Attorney Karp will bring decades of experience in handling complex criminal and civil cases to the bench," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "I am confident that he possesses the intelligence, wisdom and temperament to serve the people of the Commonwealth impartially and effectively.

"I am pleased that Attorney Karp is willing to serve the citizens of Massachusetts in this important capacity on the Superior Court," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. "His broad and deep experience as well as his sound legal judgment and work ethic make him an exceptional candidate for consideration by the Governor's Council."

The Superior Court is a statewide court of general jurisdiction – handling both criminal and civil actions. The court's 82 justices sit in 20 courthouses in all 14 counties of the Commonwealth. The Superior Court has original jurisdiction in civil actions over \$25,000 and in matters where equitable relief is sought. It also has original jurisdiction in actions including labor disputes where injunctive relief is sought, has exclusive authority to convene medical malpractice tribunals, has appellate jurisdiction over certain administrative proceedings, and may hold sittings for naturalization in any city or town. The court has exclusive original jurisdiction of first degree murder cases and original jurisdiction of all other crimes.

For more information about the Superior Court, visit
<http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/trial-court/sc/>

About Jeffrey T. Karp

Attorney Jeffrey T. Karp has been in practice for 23 years. He has been a private practitioner in Newburyport since 2011, where he concentrates in criminal defense, domestic relations and commercial litigation matters. Prior to his current practice, Attorney Karp was Associate at Newman & Newman, P.C. from 2001 to 2012, where he advised and represented clients in civil, criminal and domestic relations and litigation. Before that, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office from 1995 to 2001, and Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit from 1999-2001 during which he supervised the prosecution of all domestic violence cases in Suffolk Superior Court. Karp has conducted approximately one hundred trials during his career concerning diverse legal matters as first degree murder, construction disputes, and custody disputes. He began his legal career in 1993 as Associate at Morrison, Mahoney & Miller, Boston. Prior to practicing law, he was a Certified Public Accountant and Senior Accountant at Price Waterhouse, Boston. Attorney Karp received his B.A. in Accounting from University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1987 and went on to earn his J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law in 1993. Karp was raised in Malden and attended Malden Public Schools. Attorney Karp has served on the Board of Directors of the West Newbury Youth Baseball League since 2014. He resides with his wife and son in West Newbury.

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